## Kwaya language

**Kwaya** is a <u>Bantu language</u> of <u>Tanzania</u>. Jita–Kara–Kwaya are close to being dialects; Maho (2009) separates Ruri from Kwaya as equally distinct.

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Kwaya	
Native to	Tanzania
Region	Mara Region
Native speakers	120,000 (2005) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	Niger-Congo
	<ul><li>Atlantic– Congo</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Benue–</li><li>Congo</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Bantoid</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Bantu</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Northeast Bantu</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Great Lakes Bantu</li></ul>
	■ Haya– Jita (J.20)
	<ul><li>Kwaya</li></ul>
Dialects	Kwaya
	Ruri
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	kya
Glottolog	kway1241 (htt
	p://glottolog.o
	rg/resource/lan
	guoid/id/kway12 41) <sup>[2]</sup>
Guthrie code	JE.251,253 <sup>[3]</sup>

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